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Applicant : Zhimin Liu
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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

In response to the official action mailed September 23, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

- ✓ Please cancel claim 11.
- ✓ Please amend claims 1-10 and 12-20 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An optical interleaver comprising:
- a first collimating lens for collimating an input optical signal into collimated beams and a second collimating lens for focusing said collimated parallel beams into an output optical fiber;
 - and
 - a phase delay difference generating means for generating substantially one phase-delay difference between portions of said collimated parallel beams, wherein the phase delay difference generating means is configured to generate an interference pattern that is substantially periodic.

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